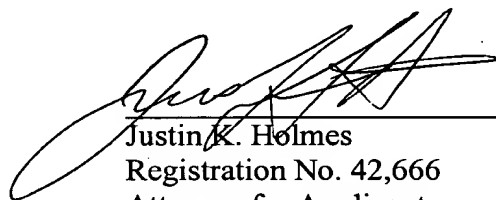


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**REMARKS**

The application has been amended to conform the specification and claims to United States practice. None of the amendments made herein where in response to or in consideration of prior art. No new matter has been added. It is requested that the amendment to the claims be entered prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination..

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**VERSION OF AMENDMENT WITH MARKS**  
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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At Page 1, before line 4, insert the following section heading:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

At Page 1, before line 25, insert the following section heading:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

At Page 3, before line 10, insert the following section heading:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

At Page 3, before line 16, insert the following section heading:

**--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

3. (Amended) Method as defined in claim 1 [or 2], characterised in that the selection and the heating of the food portions is performed when needed by remote activation of the apparatus over the telecommunication network.

6. (Amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 4 [or 5], characterised in that the apparatus comprises a transfer mechanism (2), which has been arranged to transfer food

portions from the cold storage space into the heating unit and, if necessary, further to a serving device (4).

8. (Amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 4, [5 or 6,] characterised in that the apparatus comprises a data processing section (9), which has been arranged to function as a supervising element storing and distributing information and activating the functions of the apparatus.

8. (Amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 4 [any one of the preceding apparatus claims], characterised in that the apparatus is connected to a telecommunication network, such as a telephone network or internet (8), over which the ordering of food portions, remote operation of the apparatus, transmission of failure information etc. have been arranged to be effected.

9. (Amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 4 [any one of the preceding apparatus claims], characterised in that the apparatus comprises a system for controlling the user's nutrition level and diet.

Please add the following new claims:

--10. Apparatus as defined in claim 5, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a transfer mechanism (2), which has been arranged to transfer food portions from the cold storage space into the heating unit and, if necessary, further to a serving device (4).--

--11. Apparatus as defined in claim 5, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a data processing section (9), which has been arranged to function as a supervising element storing and distributing information and activating the functions of the apparatus.--

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--12. Apparatus as defined in claim 6, characterised in that the apparatus comprises a data processing section (9), which has been arranged to function as a supervising element storing and distributing information and activating the functions of the apparatus.--

--13. Method as defined in claim 2, characterised in that the selection and the heating of the food portions is performed when needed by remote activation of the apparatus over the telecommunication network.--